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REPORT

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TOPIC Military Activity at Urfahr, Mauer <sup>Oehling</sup>, Malk and in Lower

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Urfahr.

1. On 14 March 1955, about 60 soldiers practiced combat training at the Auhof Kaserne in Urfahr. The training included attack and penetration exercises with hand weapons against dummy positions. Motor vehicles stood under the sheds at the installation. An SU-76 was parked in front of the sheds. Maintenance work was done on other vehicles. Six tank trucks stood at the fuel dump. Vehicular traffic included jeep \_\_\_\_\_ and sedan \_\_\_\_\_ driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets, truck \_\_\_\_\_ occupied by soldiers with black-bordered red and red-bordered black epaulets, and sedan \_\_\_\_\_ and truck \_\_\_\_\_ driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Firing practice with rifles and machine guns was observed on the training ground west of the kaserne. A group of 38 EM with black-bordered red epaulets who carried carbines and light machine guns and were led by a major came from the training ground and entered the kaserne.<sup>1</sup>

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Mauer Oehling.

2. On 15 March, 32 vehicles of a total of about 45 were counted under the sheds of the former Landesheilanstalt at Mauer Oehling. Eight van-like vehicles were also observed. No parked weapons were seen. Most of the troop quarters were heated. Vehicular traffic included jeep \_\_\_\_\_ and truck \_\_\_\_\_ occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets. jeep \_\_\_\_\_ driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, trucks \_\_\_\_\_ driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets, and truck \_\_\_\_\_ About 50 soldiers with carbines, light machine guns and gas masks were engaged in combat training on the drill ground near the installation.<sup>1</sup>

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Malk.

3. On 16 March, 4 trucks and 2 van-like trucks were parked at the Birago Kaserne at Malk. At about 0900, about 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the installation and practiced close-order drill. The soldiers carried carbines and gas masks and were led by a major. A small group of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets who carried artillery survey equipment returned to the kaserne from the Danube River meadows. Vehicles observed included trucks \_\_\_\_\_ and van-like truck \_\_\_\_\_ driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.<sup>2</sup>

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Melk.

4. At about 0700 on 14 February, prime movers towing eight artillery pieces similar to the former German light field howitzer were entrained at the Melk freight station. On 15, 16 and 17 February, a total of 100 to 120 new trucks was loaded at the same station. Trucks and artillery pieces came from the barracks installation at Melk. Since the vehicles caused a traffic jam in front of the railroad station area, the Soviets had to employ traffic police.

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Lower Austria.

5. At 1200, on 24 February, three three-axle signal trucks with folding antennas were observed on the road from Ennsdorf to Lauthausen. March columns and numerous individual vehicles were seen driving toward Doellersheim on various roads in Lower Austria.<sup>3</sup>

1. Comment. The reports from Urfahr and Mauer Jehling confirm the previous observations. All vehicles observed belong to the above posts.
2. Comment. The 233d Gds Gun Arty Regt of the 95th Gds Itz Rifle Div is stationed at Melk. The vehicle observed belong to this unit. On 14 February 1955, two batteries were probably entrained and moved to firing practices.
3. Comment. The Doellersheim troop training ground is continuously occupied by Soviet troops who are engaged in training.

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